



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
April 1, 2013
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL –

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Tracy Greenwood

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick

Audience attending: Jacob Harrison, James Harrison, Sasha Harrison, Fred Jester, Elaine Bilow, Joyce Stockslager, Pat Van Wieren, Phyllis Collins, Lisa Fulcher, Mike Quinn, Mike Marasco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BUTCH ARNOLD AND FAMILY – Mayor Rife

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams requested removing Budget from the agenda as it is not ready yet. Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as corrected. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- March 4, 2013 Minutes: Ms. Greenwood stated that she would like to see the email she sent to Pam giving more detail to her comments on the Red Chestnut Drive hammerhead during the March 4th meeting be attached to the March minutes.
- March 16, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes: *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to approve these minutes. Mr. Witt, Aye. Ms. Williams, Aye. Ms. Stokes, Aye. Ms. Greenwood, Nay as she was not in attendance. Motion passed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Balance Report, the Budget Update, and the Check Register. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed.*

POLICE REPORT

- Due to the Police Report needing to be cut off on the last day of the month and that day being the day before the council meeting and the finance clerk being on vacation, both the March and April reports will be provided during the May 2013 meeting.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Fred Jester was in attendance to give the reports for both February and March. During February the EMT crews responded to 210 medical calls and Fire and Rescue responded to 38 alarms: 7 motor vehicle collisions, 9 reported building fires, 6 out of town assists (Dover-4, Felton-1, and Magnolia-1), 6 medical assists to Ambulance 41, and 10 miscellaneous responses. On the road time for the apparatus was 16.1 hours, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 13, and average number of calls per day was 9.
- During March the EMT crews responded to 205 medical calls and Fire and Rescue responded to 28 alarms: 6 motor vehicle collisions, 10 reported building fires, 1 out of town assist (Dover), 3 medical assists to Ambulance 41, and 8 miscellaneous responses. Apparatus on-the-road time was 12 hours, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 12, and average calls per day were 8.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Phyllis Brooks Collins and Patricia Van Wieren, P & Z committee members, were both present at this meeting. They stated that the road change request on Red Chestnut Drive had been recalled by the applicants and that the rezoning of the Marasco property on Westville Road had been discussed at the March meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was not present to give a report; however, there is a written Open Building Permit Report in the packets. There are currently 22 open permits.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mike Quinn reported that he has received a copy of the suggested traffic patterns by Del DOT during the road closing for the Bridge repair. Town Hall also has a copy of this.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt stated that the park bathrooms are now open for the season and the port-a-potty will be removed this week. We will be advertising for a part-time (20 hour/week) maintenance person to help Lew during the summer. We will be placing this in the newsletter. Lew has requested a curb sprayer to do the curb painting this summer. It has been placed in the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peach Festival – Jaci Stokes stated that the Peach Festival Committee is in full swing preparing for this year's festival. There is a new band being formed and they will be calling themselves the Wyoming Peach Festival Band. They will consist of many former band members and a former band director as well as anyone else interested who can play an instrument or perform with flags or batons, etc. All are welcome to join. Practice will begin soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Town received three (3) bids on the three individual alleys we asked for prices on to resurface. One of the alleys; however needs to have a camera run through an underground pipe to see if it needs repair or replacement before doing the alley. CWSWA will be contacted to see if they will do this for us. Council will hold its decision on the bids until this repair is determined to be needed or not. Council will vote on bids in May.
- *Ms. Williams made a motion to accept the Charter Changes as our attorney wrote them up and forward them on to Representative Blakey and Senator Bushweller to sponsor them before the General Assembly. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*
- Ms. Greenwood did an overview of what has been going on with Red Chestnut Drive in The Greens at Wyoming and her concerns with the parking issues within The Greens and how the changes made by the contractor will make the parking issues even worse in her opinion. Details of her concerns are in an email that is attached to these minutes as well as the March 4, 2013 minutes. Through emails between Ms. Greenwood, Ms. Haddick, and our attorney it has been determined that due to no specific house plans being attached to the Record Plat of the Greens, the Town cannot stop the builder from flipping the house plans as long as they stay within required setbacks.

NEW BUSINESS

- A discussion ensued in reference to a privacy fence building permit request on S. CR Avenue. The owner has been told by our building inspector that he must either remove an inoperable vehicle which he has in his back yard or put up a privacy fence in order to make it unable to be seen from the road. The property still has unpaid taxes on it and we do not give permits out on properties owing back taxes. *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes that the permit is denied until the back taxes are paid in full. All in favor; none opposed.*
- Ms. Greenwood was given the floor and spoke about informed decisions. She feels there needs to be more information given out to Council and committees sooner than currently being done. People need to have time to study the things they will be expected to make decisions on. She feels that agendas should be sent out as soon as they are posted. Information should go out to Council as soon as it is received if it will be on the agenda. Planning & Zoning should be emailed packets ahead of time the same way Council is. If an agenda needs to be amended, the amended copy should be emailed to each Council member when the amended agenda is posted. Council members should not be expected to constantly watch the website to see if amended agendas are posted.
- Mayor Rife explained about a collapsed catch basin on Southern Boulevard. We have called Del-DOT about repairing it and have been told that they only repair surfaces from curb to curb, no catch basins. She got a quote from someone to repair or replace this catch basin to get some idea of what this could cost the Town. She is now going back to Del-DOT on this situation. Because this is a "state maintained road" we do not receive Municipal Street Aid for it. We do not understand why we should be responsible for repairing it. She also mentioned that she is working on getting a grant to fix the drainage issues on S. Layton Avenue.

ANNEXATION

- Nothing new at this time.

TOWN NEWS

- Recently the Town of Wyoming has lost both a former council person/acting mayor and a former employee. Mr. Harold “Butch” Arnold, former council person and acting mayor passed away on Sunday, March 31st. He has been an asset to this town in many ways and for many years. Mr. Jay Wyatt passed away on Thursday, March 28th. Jay worked as a part-time maintenance man for the town last summer and fall and accomplished numerous special projects for the town such as painting Stokes Square and the Annex.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence is on file at Town Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Reorganization Meeting – 5/6/13, 7:00 pm, Annex
- B. Town Council Meeting – 5/6/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 4/9/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 4/9/13, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Peach Festival Committee – 4/16/13, 7:30 pm, Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Elaine Bilow asked about the alleys the town is planning to resurface. She wanted to know why we were not including Pearce Alley in this. She says it is in bad shape and needs work. We will have it looked at.
- Patricia Van Wieren questioned original subdivision plans. Ms. Williams explained that what is on the recorded subdivision plans is all that the town can control.
- Mike Marasco questioned the storm drain.
- He also confirmed that the owner of 38 S CR Ave. will be able to build a privacy fence only if taxes are paid.
- Mr. Marasco wanted confirmation whether Jenkins Drive is a road or an alley.
- Mr. Marasco asked if the town had an easement from the property owner at the low spot on S. Layton Avenue.
- Mr. Marasco asked about the ditch – where we would start with the cleanup and who would get liens. Only those property owners that don’t clean up themselves would get liens on their properties.
- Mr. Marasco also asked about legal expenses. There was only \$600.00 on the P & L but there was \$3,700.00 on the check register. Ms. Williams stated that the \$3,700.00 was payment for the February bill; the \$600.00 was for the March bill.
- He also asked how much has been spent on legal fees for the CWSWA special committee. Ms. Williams stated that she would have to look up the bill but only part of the \$600.00 bill went toward that.
- Lisa Fulcher asked what the \$125.00 check to Witt’s Market was for. It paid for salt that Lew had used for the streets during snow.
- Lisa also discussed trash pick-up.
- Lisa also discussed Red Chestnut Dr. briefly, and in her opinion, after seeing the property in person, there was no way that our building inspector should have approved the initial inspection due to the location of the driveway and the hammerhead.

Ms. Greenwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk

Pam Haddick

From: Tracy Greenwood <greenwood.tracy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2013 2:46 PM
To: Pam Haddick
Subject: Re: Minutes Changes

The only comment in the meeting minutes regarding my concerns with the hammer head is: "Ms Greenwood had numerous questions about the request."

I had numerous concerns about changing the hammerhead. I voiced my concerns as I recall below.

I was concerned that altering the hammerhead would:

- 1) create more parking issues in a community that already had excessive parking issues
- 2) new home buyer's driveway would be used as turnabout as the driveway is an extension of hammerhead (I believe someone stated it would be home buyers problem and this is what was requested by home buyer)
- 3) that all other streets are already completed with hammerheads and this street would be only street altered taking away from aesthetics and uniformity of community
- 4) questioned why the lot across the street couldn't be utilized, as would be able to use same floor plan and require no adjustment to hammerhead. (answer was lot is smaller and buyer want to look out a certain window at Orchards)
- 5) questioned as to whether the Homeowners and Chetty Builder's was notified of potential changes to street. I believe you answered this question as No, as to legally not required and only impacts potential home buyer.

I disagreed and volunteered to notify the homeowners directly on my personal time.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 7, 2013, at 9:16 AM, "Pam Haddick" <townofwyoming@comcast.net> wrote:

<image001.jpg>

Attached are the minutes from Monday's meeting. Please let me know if you see any errors.

Pam

Pamela Haddick, CMC

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